

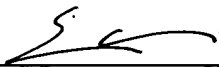
REMARKS

The Office Communication mailed July 26, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within one month of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 31-33, 46-51, 55-58, 65, 66, 109, 110, 115, 120, 121, 124-127 and 133-135 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 31-33, 46-51, 55-58, 65, 66, 109, 110, 115, 120, 121, 124-127 and 133-135 (page 2, Paper No. 030206). In response to the Examiner's request, claims 46-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, allowed claims 31-33, 49-51, 55-58, 65, 66, 109, 110, 115, 120, 121, 124-127 and 133-135 are pending, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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